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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 4-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 25, 2002, said period of response being extended from April 25, 2002 to August 25, 2002, which falls on a Sunday, extending the time for response to Monday, August 26, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$1,440.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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